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Honorable Peter T. King
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman King:

This is in reply to your letter of February 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Pat Savarese, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. Savarese is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,


Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with,

King
11 Woodgreen Lane
Wantagh, N. Y. 11793
Jan. 27, 1993

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The Honorable Alphonse D'Amato
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I am looking for your help in not implementing the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule making NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. This will split the bandwidths and rearrange them into very narrow bandwidths. If adopted this will increase the risk of accidents.

I am active in two local radio controlled model airplane clubs that operate in Nassau County Cedar Creek Park. I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Moving the frequencies closer together is inviting Murphy's Law.

Please do not implement this rule change. Thank you.

Yours Truly

Pat Savarese

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